



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 11**

February Session, 2022

Senate Bill No. 134

*Senate, March 15, 2022*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. OSTEN of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT REPEALING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST ACCEPTING  
ADVANCED DEPOSIT WAGERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 12-572b of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
- 2 *from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section
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**PS**      *Joint Favorable*

*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Loss	1-2 million	1-2 million

Note: GF=General Fund

### **Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill, which repeals the prohibition against unauthorized entities conducting off-track betting in the state or accepting such wagers over the phone or via electronic means, results in a General Fund revenue loss of between \$1 million and \$2 million annually beginning in FY 23.

The estimate is based on information from the Department of Consumer Protection indicating that approximately \$3 million in tax revenue has been collected over the past two years relating to the implementation and enforcement of the law the bill repeals.

### **The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future.

Sources: Department of Consumer Protection Agency Testimony 2/22/22

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 134*****AN ACT REPEALING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST ACCEPTING  
ADVANCED DEPOSIT WAGERS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill repeals a law that explicitly prohibits any unauthorized person or business from (1) conducting off-track betting (OTB) in Connecticut or (2) accepting OTB wagers or advance deposit wagers (i.e., an OTB wager on racing events using a telephone or other electronic means) that originate from or are placed in Connecticut.

Currently, under this law a violation is an unfair trade practice under the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act. The law also subjects violators to penalties for professional gambling and transmitting gambling information, both of which are class A misdemeanors (punishable by up to 364 days of imprisonment, up to a \$2,000 fine, or both).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13      Nay 11      (03/03/2022)